

RUBBER/THERMOPLASTIC GRIP TAPE FOR HANDLE

I CLAIM:

1. A grip tape for wrapping a handle comprising:
an elongate tape having a top, a bottom, a left side, and a right side; said tape including:
a top portion comprising:
a thermoplastic in the form of an elongate strip; and
a rubber in the form of an elongate strip; and
connecting means connecting said thermoplastic and said rubber.
2. The grip tape of Claim 1 wherein:
said connecting means includes:
a bottom portion underlying said top portion comprising:
cloth bonded to said thermoplastic and to said rubber.
3. The grip tape of Claim 1 wherein:
said connecting means includes:
bonding means bonding said thermoplastic and said rubber.
4. The grip tape of Claim 1 wherein:
said thermoplastic is urethane.
5. The grip tape of Claim 2 wherein:
said cloth is open-pore.
6. The grip tape of Claim 2 wherein:
said cloth is felt.
7. A grip tape for wrapping a handle; said tape having a top, a bottom, a left side, and a right side; said tape comprising:
a top portion comprising:

4 a rubber in the form of an elongate strip having a right
edge and a left edge; said rubber comprising:

6 a central portion having an upper surface;
a right edge portion having an upper surface lower
8 than said rubber central portion upper surface; and
a left edge portion having an upper surface lower
10 than said rubber central portion upper surface; and

a thermoplastic in the form of an elongate strip having
12 a right edge and a left edge; said thermoplastic comprising:

a central portion having an upper surface;
14 a right edge portion having an upper surface lower
than said thermoplastic central portion upper surface; and
16 a left edge portion having an upper surface lower
than said thermoplastic central portion upper surface; wherein:
18 said rubber right edge portion and said thermoplastic left edge
portion overlap one another to define an overlap and are bonded to
20 one another along the overlap.

8. The grip tape of Claim 7 wherein:
said overlap has a free end having an upper surface lower than said
rubber central portion upper surface.

9. The grip tape of Claim 7 wherein:
2 said thermoplastic is urethane.

10. The grip tape of Claim 7 further including:
2 a bottom portion underlying said top portion comprising:
cloth bonded to said thermoplastic and to said rubber.

11. The grip tape of Claim 10 wherein:
2 said cloth is open-pore.

12. The grip tape of Claim 10 wherein:
2 said cloth is felt.

13. A grip tape for wrapping a handle; said tape having a top, a
bottom, a left side, and a right side; said tape comprising:

a top portion comprising:

a rubber in the form of an elongate strip having a right
edge and a left edge; said rubber comprising:

a central portion having an upper surface;

a right edge portion having an upper surface lower
than said rubber central portion upper surface; and

a left edge portion having an upper surface lower
than said rubber central portion upper surface; and

a thermoplastic portion in the form of an elongate strip
having a right edge and a left edge; said thermoplastic portion
comprising:

a thermoplastic comprising:

a central portion having an upper surface;

a right edge embossed portion having an upper
surface lower than said thermoplastic central portion upper
surface; said right edge embossed portion being denser than said
thermoplastic central portion; and

a left edge embossed portion having an upper
surface lower than said thermoplastic central portion upper
surface; said left edge embossed portion being denser than said
thermoplastic central portion; wherein:

said thermoplastic left edge embossed portion overlaps said rubber
right edge portion to define an overlap and is bonded to said
rubber right edge portion.

14. The grip tape of Claim 13 wherein:

said thermoplastic left edge has an upper surface lower than said
rubber central portion upper surface.

15. The grip tape of Claim 13 further including:

a bottom portion of cloth bonded to said top portion.

16. The grip tape of Claim 15 wherein:

2 said cloth includes:
a skived right portion; and
4 a skived left portion.

17. The grip tape of Claim 15 wherein said cloth is felt.

18. The grip tape of Claim 15 wherein said bottom is coated with
2 two-sided tape.

20. A grip tape for wrapping a handle; said tape having a top, a
2 bottom, a left side, and a right side; said tape comprising:
a top portion comprising:

a rubber in the form of an elongate strip having a right
edge and a left edge; said rubber comprising:

a central portion having an upper surface;

a right edge portion having an upper surface lower
than said rubber central portion upper surface; and

a left edge portion having an upper surface lower
than said rubber central portion upper surface; and

a thermoplastic portion in the form of an elongate strip
having a right edge and a left edge; said thermoplastic portion
comprising:

an upper part of thermoplastic; and

a lower part of cloth bonded to said thermoplastic;
said thermoplastic portion including:

a central portion having an upper surface;

a right edge embossed portion having an upper
surface lower than said thermoplastic portion central portion upper
surface; said right edge embossed portion being denser than said
thermoplastic portion central portion; and

a left edge embossed portion having an upper
surface lower than said thermoplastic portion central portion upper
surface; said left edge embossed portion being denser than said
thermoplastic portion central portion; wherein:

said left edge embossed portion overlaps said rubber right edge

portion to define an overlap and is bonded to said rubber right
edge portion.

21. The grip tape of Claim 20 wherein:
said cloth includes:
a skived right portion; and
a skived left portion.

22. The grip tape of Claim 20 wherein:
said thermoplastic portion left edge has an upper surface lower
than said rubber central portion upper surface.

23. The grip tape of Claim 20 further including:
a bottom portion including:
cloth bonded to said top portion.

24. The grip tape of Claim 23 wherein:
said cloth of said bottom portion includes:
a skived right portion; and
a skived left portion.

25. The grip tape of Claim 23 wherein said cloth is felt.

26. The grip tape of Claim 23 wherein said bottom is coated with
two-sided tape.